

**FUSER MEMBER AND FUSER MEMBER SURFACE LAYER**  
**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[01] This Application claims benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of prior co-pending U.S. Provisional Patent Application, Serial No. 60/425,647, filed November 13, 2002. This provisional patent application is incorporated herein in its entirety, by reference thereto.

[02] Filed concurrently with this application are the application entitled "Layer Comprising Nonfibrillatable and Autoadhesive Particles, and Method of Preparation", Applicants' Docket Nos. 10/692,440 and PAT00005, and the application entitled "Process for Electrostatographic Reproduction", Applicants' Docket Nos. 10/691,779 and PAT00007. These two concurrently filed applications are incorporated herein in their entireties, by reference thereto.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. Field of the Invention

[03] The present invention relates to electrostatographic imaging and recording apparatus, and to assemblies in these apparatus for fixing toner to the substrates. The present invention relates particularly to a fuser member, and to a fusing surface layer for fuser members, in the toner fixing assemblies.

2. Description of Background and Other Information

[04] Generally in electrostatographic reproduction, the original to be copied is rendered in the form of a latent electrostatic image on a photosensitive member. This latent image is made visible by the application of electrically charged toner.

[05] The toner thusly forming the image is transferred to a substrate - also referred to in the art as a receiver - such as paper or transparent film, and fixed or fused to the substrate. Where heat softenable toners - for example,

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